

The Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers
May 21, 2014

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers was conducted May 21, 2014, at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Members Present

Granville Smith, Chairman
Dorothy Newberry
Dr. Jim Lockett
Melanie Abner, Secretary

Occupations and Professions Staff Present

Lindsey Lane, Board Administrator
Gordon Slone, Executive Director

Others Present

Jim Grawe, Assistant Attorney General
Byron Brentlinger, Board Investigator
Curt Duff, Society of Dispensing Opticians of Kentucky
Jim Morris, Executive Director of ABO/NCLE

Members Absent

Dr. Gary Wortz

Call to Order

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 18, 2014 meeting. Dr. Lockett seconded that motion and it carried.

Review of Financial Statements

The Board reviewed their financial statements from the months of March and April 2014.

O&P Report

Gordon Slone, Executive Director with the Office of Occupations and Professions presented the Board with the annual Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) asking for the Boards approval and signature. The MOA is presented to each Board that is housed at the Office of Occupations and Professions and allows the Boards to have a better understanding of what administrative functions O&P will be handling with each Board and allows them to add more specific items into the agreement. After review by all members, Dr. Lockett made a motion to approve the MOA as presented and have Chairman Smith sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. Ms. Newberry seconded that motion and it carried.

The office continues to work with the Commonwealth Office of Technology on the new database/online license renewal project. The office hopes to have a more definitive date on its completion very soon.

Ms. Lane informed the Board that their Investigative contract is up for approval. The Board received a bid from their current Investigator that needs approval. Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Dr. Lockett seconded that motion and it carried.

Board Counsel Report

Jim Grawe, Assistant Attorney General spoke on behalf of the Attorney General's Office as the Board is currently in between attorneys due to Mr. West's departure. Mr. Grawe explained there are still four cases that are pending and should be reaching Settlement Agreements soon. Mr. Grawe informed the Board that their new counsel is set to begin working with the AG's office on June 1, 2014.

Ophthalmic Inspector Report

Mr. Brentlinger reported on four site inspections. The following stores were all in compliance:

- Lenscrafters – Lexington Green location, Lexington, KY
- Minix Optical – Paintsville, KY
- Wal-Mart Vision Center – Paintsville, KY
- Minix Optical – Prestonsburg, KY

Mr. Brentlinger did mention in a couple of his reports that licensees need to make sure they have their license card on them at all times while working.

Licensure Status Report

Ms. Lane reported there are currently 189 Active Apprentice Licensees, 589 Ophthalmic Dispensers, and 121 Inactive Ophthalmic Dispensers. Cease and Desist letters were sent out in February to anyone that held a license in 2013 and did not renew by January 31, 2014.

Approval of Apprentice Applications

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the following Apprentice Applications:

1. Michael Welch – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Frankfort, KY
2. Tara Smith – Pal Optical, Lexington, KY
3. Shawna Shelton – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Corbin, KY
4. Alexis Ayala – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Florence, KY
5. Ryan Coots – Opticare Vision, Newport, KY
6. MariEmilia Harrell – Physician's Eye Center, Owensboro, KY
7. Sarah Clifton – Lenscrafters, Crestview Hills, KY
8. Brittany Biddle – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Florence, KY
9. Timothy Greene – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Benton, KY
10. Peanie Schulkers – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Alexandria, KY
11. Rachel Sparks – Lenscrafters, Lexington, KY
12. Rachel Mattaline – Lenscrafters, Louisville, KY
13. Afton Tatum – Summers Optical, Hopkinsville, KY
14. Cheryl Evans – America's Best Contacts, Louisville, KY
15. Sharon Watts – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Ft. Wright, KY
16. Shelly Busha – SVS Vision, Louisville, KY

17. Joshua Veeley – Lenscrafters, Louisville, KY
18. Onshalique Wilson – America’s Best Contacts and Eyeglasses, Louisville, KY

Dr. Luckett seconded that motion and it carried.

Approval of Practical Exam Applications

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the following Applications for Practical Examination

1. Megan Mendenhall – Kentucky Eye Center, Lexington, KY
2. Amy Coughlan – n/a, Ft. Campbell
3. Sara Campbell – Gaddie Eye Center, Louisville, KY

Ms. Newberry seconded that motion and it carried.

Additional Business

The NCSORB will be holding their National Conference in Nashville, TN. Curt Duff will be offering a class on the Practical Exam where he will be going over test material, and what to look for.

The Board received a visit from the Executive Director of the ABO/NCLE, Jim Morris. Mr. Morris went over the new testing procedures that the ABO/NCLE will follow which includes moving to a computer based testing. The test will also be offered four times a year now, allowing Apprentices to take it as soon as their ready and if unsuccessful trying again in a shorter time frame. If someone should fail the exam they will be required to sit out one testing cycle before reapplying to take the exam. They are hoping to be more proactive in helping Opticians get better at what they’re doing.

Approval of Travel and Per Diem

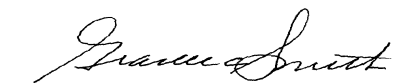
Ms. Abner made a motion to approve travel and per diem for members that attended today’s meeting and Chairman Smiths trip to Nova Scotia for the ABO/NCLE. Dr. Luckett seconded that motion and it carried.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at the Office of Occupations and Professions.

Adjournment

Ms. Abner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:11am. Dr. Luckett seconded that motion and it carried.



Granville Smith, Chairman